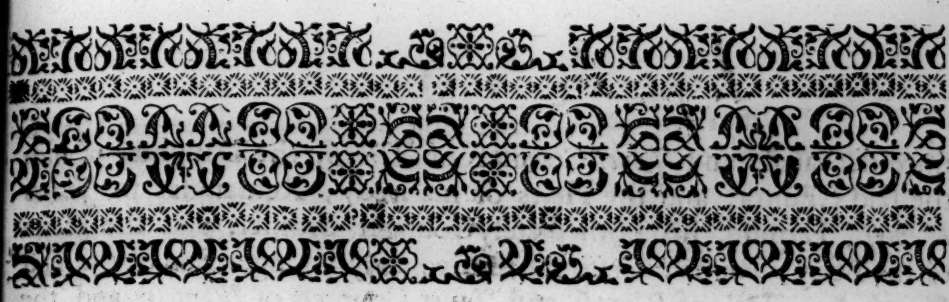


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Enable *Francis Charteris*, Esquire, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, and the Heirs of his Body, and several other Persons therein named, and the Heirs of their respective Bodies, to retain, assume, and sign the Name of *Charteris*, and to bear the Arms of *Charteris*, and to hold and enjoy the Estate therein mentioned, notwithstanding the Descent to him or them respectively of the Honour and Title of *Wemyss*, or any other Honour or Title whatsoever.



Whereas *Francis Charteris*, late of *Amisfield*, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, Esquire, deceased, did, by a Deed of Disposition and Intail, dated the Fifth Day of *June* in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Twenty-nine, settle and convey all his Lands and Estates to the following Uses. (that is to say) To the Use of himself and the Heirs Male of his Body; Remainder to *Francis Charteris*, Esquire, then called *Francis Wemyss*, Second Son of *James Earl of Wemyss*, since

since deceased, and *Janet* Countess of *Wemyss*, the Daughter of him the said Grantor, and the Heirs of his Body; Remainder to *James Wemyss*, Esquire, his immediately younger Brother, and the Heirs of his Body; Remainder to the immediately younger Son of the said *James* late Earl of *Wemyss* and *Janet* Countess of *Wemyss*, and the Heirs of his Body; Remainder to any other their younger Male Child or Male Children, the Eldest of such younger Male Children always succeeding without Division, and to the Heirs of his Body; Remainder to the said *Janet* Countess of *Wemyss*, and the Heirs Male of her Body of any subsequent Marriage; Remainder to the Heirs Female of the Bodies of the said *James* late Earl of *Wemyss* and *Janet* Countess of *Wemyss*; Remainder to the Heirs Female of the Body of the said *Janet* Countess of *Wemyss* of any subsequent Marriage; Remainder to his the said *Francis Charteris* the Grantor's own right Heirs: Subject nevertheless and charged with certain Provisions therein mentioned for the Life of *Helen*, the Wife of him the same *Francis Charteris*, since also deceased, and also an Annuity or yearly Sum of One thousand Pounds *Sterling* payable to the said *Janet* Countess of *Wemyss* during her Life; and likewise subject to a Proviso or Condition therein contained, that the said *Francis Charteris* (then called *Francis Wemyss*) and the Heirs of his Body, and all the Substitutes therein before mentioned, and the Heirs of their Bodies, succeeding to the said late *Francis Charteris*'s Estate, should, upon their succeeding thereto, thenceforth in all Times thereafter assume, use, and bear the Surname and Arms of *Charteris*; and that if it should happen that his said Estate should devolve upon Heirs Female, then the eldest Heir Female should always succeed without Division, and should be bound and obliged to marry a Gentleman of the Surname of *Charteris*, or who, being of any other Surname, and the Heirs to be procreate betwixt them, should thenceforth assume, use, and bear the Surname and Arms of *Charteris*, and that if they failed therein they should upon such Failure lose the Right and Possession of his said Estate, and all Benefit thereof; and the same should fall and belong to the next apparent Heir of Intail, who should have Right thereto, as if the Person so failing had never existed; with Power to him the said *Francis Charteris* to alter the aforesaid Disposition of his said Lands and Estate, and to dispose of all or any Part thereof as he should think fit:

And whereas the said *Francis Charteris*, by a subsequent Deed of Disposition and Intail, dated the Nineteenth Day of the same Month of *June* One thousand Seven hundred and Twenty-nine, did, in pursuance of the said Power so reserved to him, convey his whole Estate,

Estate, upon Failure of all other Heirs Male and Female of his own Body, to the Use of the Person, Male or Female, descended of his Body, who at the Time should represent the Family of *Wemyss* or any other Family whatsoever, the Possession of the Honour and Title whereof would make his Family disappear in his or her Person for the Time; and on Failure of his whole Heirs of Intail mentioned therein, and in the Disposition aforesaid, then he thereby conveyed his said Estate to the Use of the said *Helen* his Wife, since deceased, and *Janet* Countess of *Wemyss*, and of *John* late Duke of *Argyll* and *Greenwich*, deceased, *Archibald* then Earl of *Ilay*, afterwards Duke of *Argyll*, since also deceased, *Sir Robert Walpole*, afterwards Earl of *Orford*, since likewise deceased, *Duncan Forbes*, Esquire, his late Majesty's Advocate for and afterwards President of the Court of Session in *Scotland*, also deceased, *James Erskine* of *Grange*, *David Erskine* of *Dun*, and *Andrew Fletcher* of *Milton*, then Three of the Senators of the College of Justice in *Scotland*, since deceased, and *Sir Francis Kinlock* of *Gilmerton*, also deceased, and their Heirs, equally amongst them; and by the said last-mentioned Deed the several Heirs of Intail therein mentioned are subjected to certain Clauses or Conditions therein expressed for restraining them from alienating or incumbering the said Premises, or any Part thereof, except in the Manner therein mentioned; and in case any of the said Heirs of Intail should contravene or fail to fulfil all or any of the Conditions or Provisions therein contained, the Right or Rights of such Person or Persons so contravening or failing is and are thereby declared irritate and forfeited with respect to him, her, or themselves only; and the Person or Persons next in Remainder, though descended of the Contravener's own Body, is and are, in such Case, to enter and take Advantage of such Irritancy and Forfeiture: And there is also contained therein a particular Proviso, by which it is declared, that in case the Honour and Title of the noble Family of *Wemyss*, or of any other Family whatsoever, the Possession of the Honour and Title whereof would make his the same *Francis Charteris's* Family disappear in the Person of his Heir for the Time, should happen to fall and devolve to the said *Francis Charteris*, then called *Francis Wemyss*, or to any other of the Heirs of Intail aforesaid, after their Succession to his Estate therein before specified, then and in that Case the Person so succeeding to the Honour and Title of such Family, and who should actually accept of and use, or stand in Law obliged to accept of and use such Honour and Title, should not only be held and obliged immediately thereafter, and under the Conditions, Provisions, and Irritances aforesaid, to denude of his Estate aforesaid in Favour of the next Heir of Intail to his said Estate, but also the Right to his said Estate of the Person

Person so succeeding to such Honour and Title should thenceforth become void and extinct, and the Right to his said Estate should devolve to the said next Heir of Intail, who should always have Access, and was thereby bound and obliged to use the best Methods for establishing the same in his or her Person, in the same Way and Manner, and under the same Irritances in case of Neglect, as is therein before specified in case of contravening or failing to fulfil all or any of the Conditions and Provisions therein before set forth; and that in case the Honour and Title of the noble Family of *Wemyss*, or any other Family as aforesaid, should devolve unto and be accepted of and used by any of his Heirs of Intail, or that such should stand bound and be obliged to accept of and use the same as aforesaid, and the said Heir should be the only Person descended of his Body, and so must succeed to his said Estate, as is therein before provided, then and in that Case such Heir should be subject and liable to the same Conditions, Provisions, and Irritances as are therein before set forth with respect to the Heir of the noble Family of *Wemyss*, or other such Family as aforesaid, succeeding to his said Estate; and in case any of the Heirs of Intail should obtain to him or herself, or to their Heirs of Intail aforesaid, any Dignity, Honour, or Title whatsoever from the Sovereign, such Heir should, notwithstanding, use and bear his Surname of *Charteris* and Arms, and on failing thereof should forfeit, and his said Estate should devolve unto and be obtained by the next Heir of Intail, in the like Manner as on incurring all or any of the Irritances above written:

And whereas the said *Francis Charteris*, by his last Will and Testament in Writing, bearing Date the Eighth Day of *March* in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty, taking Notice of the said Two several herein before-mentioned Deeds, did (amongst other Things) give and bequeath all the Rest and Residue of his personal Estate, within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, to the said *Helen* his Wife, *Janet* Countess of *Wemyss*, *John* Duke of *Argyll* and *Greenwich*, *Archibald* Earl of *Ilay*, afterwards Duke of *Argyll*, *Sir Robert Walpole*, afterwards Earl of *Orford*, *Duncan Forbes*, *James Erskine*, *David Erskine*, *Andrew Fletcher*, and *Sir Francis Kinlock*, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor, upon special Trust and Confidence that they and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor, should with all convenient Speed get in and receive his said personal Estate, and when received lay out the same in the Purchase of Lands and Heritages in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, and when purchased

chased settle the same upon the Person and Persons, and the respective Heirs of their Body and Bodies, and to the same Uses, Intents, and Purposes, and with the same Remainders over, and upon the same Trusts, and under and subject to the same Limitations, Restrictions, Provisoos, and Conditions, and subject to the Payment of the same Sum and Sums of Money, as were mentioned and comprized in the said recited Deeds, bearing Date respectively the said Fifth and Nineteenth Days of *June* One thousand Seven hundred and Twenty-nine, concerning his Estate thereby conveyed as aforesaid: And he thereby constituted and appointed the said *Helen* his Wife, *Janet* Countess of *Wemyss*, *John* Duke of *Argyll* and *Greenwich*, *Archibald* then Earl of *Ilay*, afterwards Duke of *Argyll*, *Sir Robert Walpole*, afterwards Earl of *Orford*, *Duncan Forbes*, *James Erskine*, *David Erskine*, *Andrew Fletcher*, and *Sir Francis Kinloch*, Trustees and Executors of his said Will:

And whereas the said *Francis Charteris* died in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty-two without Issue Male of his Body, and leaving the said *Janet* Countess of *Wemyss* his Daughter and only Child; and after his Death the said *Archibald* Earl of *Ilay*, afterwards Duke of *Argyll*, *Duncan Forbes*, *Andrew Fletcher*, *Helen* the Widow of the same *Francis Charteris*, and *Sir Francis Kinloch*, duly proved the said Will, together with the said Two recited Deeds annexed, in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and took upon themselves the Execution thereof:

And whereas the said *James* Earl of *Wemyss* did, by a Deed of Intail duly executed by him, bearing Date the Eighteenth Day of *May* One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty, convey and settle his own hereditary Estate of *Wemyss* to and upon the said *James Wemyss* his youngest Son, and the Heirs Male of his Body; Remainder to any other lawful Son of his Body, according to Seniority, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainder to the Second Son of the said *Francis Charteris*, therein called *Francis Wemyss Charteris*, his Second Son, and the Heirs Male of his Body; and upon the Failure of such Second Son, or his succeeding to the Estate of *Charteris* of *Amisfield*, Remainder to Lady *Frances* his eldest Daughter, Wife to *Sir James Stewart*, Baronet, and the Heirs Male of her Body, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainder to Lady *Walpole Wemyss* his Second Daughter, and the Heirs Male of her Body, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainder to Lady *Ann* his Third Daughter, Wife to *John Hamilton*, and the Heirs Male of her Body, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainder to Lady *Helen* his Fourth Daughter, and

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the Heirs Male of her Body, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainder to any other Daughter or Daughters to be begotten by him, the Eldest always succeeding without Division, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainder to the Daughters of the said Lady *Frances*, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainders to the Daughters of the said Lady *Walpole*, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainder to the Daughters of the said Lady *Ann*, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainder to the Daughters of the said Lady *Helen*, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainder to the Daughters to be begotten by him, the Eldest of all the said Daughters succeeding without Division; Remainder to Lady *Elizabeth Sutherland*, Daughter of Lady *Elizabeth Countess of Sutherland* his Sister and *William Earl of Sutherland* her Husband, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainder to *James Stuart*, the eldest Son of *Margaret Countess of Moray* his Sister and *James Earl of Moray* her Husband, and the Heirs Male of his Body, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainder to *David Stuart*, Second Son of the said Countess and Earl of *Moray*, and the Heirs Male of his Body, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainder to any other younger Son of the said Countess and Earl of *Murray* begotten or to be begotten, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies; Remainder to the Sons of the said Countess of *Moray* by any other Husband, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies, the Eldest always succeeding preferable to the younger; Remainder to *Walter Wemyss of Lothacker*, and his Heirs Male; Remainder to his own right Heirs: Under a Proviso, that if any of the Heirs shall succeed to any Estate, Dignity, or Honours which may absorb the Name and Family of *Wemyss*, and who shall not bear, use, and carry the Name of *Wemyss*, and Arms of the Family of *Wemyss*, from the Time of their succeeding to the said Estate in virtue hereof, shall, for themselves only, *ipso facto*, amit, lose, and forfeit their Right and Interest in the said Lands and Estates, and the same shall become void and extinct:

And whereas the said *James Earl of Wemyss* died in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty-six, leaving Issue by the said *Janet Countess of Wemyss* Three Sons; that is to say, *David Wemyss*, formerly called Lord *Elcho*, his Eldest, the said *Francis Charteris*, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, his Second, and the said *James Wemyss* his Third Son, and Four Daughters, namely, Lady *Frances*, now the Wife of Sir *James Stewart*, Lady *Walpole*, Lady *Ann*, and Lady *Helen*, now the Wife of *Hugh Dalrymple*, Esquire:

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And whereas the said *David Wemyss*, formerly called Lord *Elcho*, having been concerned in the Rebellion in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Forty-five, was by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Nineteenth Year of his late Majesty's Reign attainted of High Treason, and hath ever since resided Abroad in foreign Parts :

And whereas the said *Francis Charteris*, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, hath Issue only One Son named *Francis Charteris*, and Three Daughters, namely, *Catherine Charteris*, *Frances Charteris*, and *Ann Charteris*; and the said *James Wemyss* hath Issue Four Sons, namely *William Wemyss*, *David Wemyss*, *Francis Wemyss*, *Charles Wemyss*, and One Daughter *Elizabeth Margaret Wemyss*; and the said Lady *Frances Stewart* hath Issue only One Son, named *James Stewart*; and the said Lady *Helen Dalrymple* hath not any Child or Issue living; and the said Lady *Walpole* and Lady *Ann* are dead, without Issue :

And whereas the said *Francis Charteris*, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, soon after the Death of the said *Francis Charteris*, entered upon and took Possession of the said Estate so settled upon him in Tail, and being willing to comply (as far as in him lay) with the Intent of the said *Francis Charteris*, deceased, expressed in the Provisoes contained in the herein before-mentioned Deeds in that Behalf, took upon himself, and hath ever since used and been called by the Name of *Charteris*, and borne the Arms of *Charteris* :

And whereas Doubts have arisen, upon the Construction of the herein before-mentioned Provisoes contained in the said Indenture of the Nineteenth of June One thousand Seven hundred and Twenty-nine, whether in case the bare Title of Earl of *Wemyss*, or any other Title of Honour without any beneficial Estate or Interest attending the same, shall at any Time hereafter descend to or devolve upon the said *Francis Charteris*, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, or his Issue, or any of the aforesaid Heirs of Intail, when respectively intitled in Possession under the Two before-mentioned Settlements, or either of them, the same shall, in consequence of the said Proviso, operate as a Forfeiture of his or their respective Estate or Estates under the said Settlements :

And whereas the admitting of a Forfeiture in such Case would be productive of great Inconveniences, and tend totally to defeat the Donor's Intent, in regard the Person intitled to take Advantage of

of such supposed Forfeiture must be the next Heir to the Possessor of the *Charteris* Estate, then being Earl of *Wemyss*, which next Heir may be either a Son or a Daughter of such Possessor, and who could hold but for the Life of his or her Ancestor, and at such Ancestor's Death must in his or her Turn be divested by his or her Heir in like Manner, and so on, through every Line of Descent during the Existence of any of the said Heirs of Intail :

And whereas such Construction must render the Tenure of and Title to the said intailed Estate totally precarious, and necessarily produce its Impoverishment, since the Possessor for the Time being, not having any certain fixed Interest therein for his or her own Life, will be discouraged from making any valuable or lasting Improvements, and will be the more remarkably severe to the said *Francis Charteris*, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, who being stripped of his paternal Estate, upon a Presumption of his being otherwise amply provided for, will have no Kind of Subsistence left; which it cannot be supposed to have occurred to, or ever to be intended by, the Donor :

And whereas the said *Francis Charteris*'s apparent Intent by the above-mentioned Proviso was only to keep up a distinct Representation of his Name and Family, but could never mean that the bare Descent of the Title of *Wemyss*, without any Part of that Family Estate, should operate to divest the Heir in Possession of his Estate, and far less to let in the above strange Divesting of such Possessor by every next Descendant of his or her Body through every Line of Descent, during the Continuance of any of the Heirs of Intail, to the Destruction of the Estate he was so anxiously endeavouring to preserve :

And whereas the said late *Francis Charteris*'s principal Aim and Intent by the last-mentioned Proviso will be most effectually (and without any of the above-mentioned Hardships or Inconveniences) answered, if the said *Francis Charteris*, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, and the Heirs of his Body, and the several other Persons herein after-mentioned, and the Heirs of their respective Bodies (when they shall respectively come into Possession) do and shall retain, assume, and sign the Surname of *Charteris*, and bear the Arms of the Family of *Charteris*, in the Manner herein after expressed; which such of them as are hereafter-mentioned are desirous to be enabled to do by the Authority of Parliament :

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May it therefore please your MAJESTY,

(At the humble Petition of the said *Francis Charteris*, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, as well for himself as for and on the Behalf of the said *Catherine Charteris*, *Francis Charteris*, and *Ann Charteris* his Children, and all and every other the Child and Children, and the Heirs of his Body begotten and to be begotten; and of *Francis Charteris*, only Son of the said *Francis Charteris*, as well for himself and the Heirs of his Body to be begotten; and of the said *James Wemyss*, as well for himself as for and on Behalf of the said *William Wemyss*, *David Wemyss*, *Francis Wemyss*, and *Charles Wemyss*, and *Elizabeth Margaret Wemyss* his Children, and all and every other the Child and Children, and Heirs of his Body begotten and to be begotten; and of the said Sir *James Stewart* and Lady *Frances* his Wife, as well for themselves as for and on Behalf of the said *James Stewart* their Son, and all and every other the Child and Children, and the Heirs of the Body of the said Lady *Frances Stewart* begotten and to be begotten; and of the said *Hugh Dalrymple* and Lady *Helen* his Wife, as well for themselves as the Heirs of the Body of the said Lady *Helen* begotten or to be begotten)

That it may be Enacted,; And be it Enacted, by the KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That for obviating and removing all such Doubts and Inconsistences as aforesaid, and for the better preserving and continuing the Name of *Charteris*, in Memory of the said late *Francis Charteris*, conformably to the Tenor, true Intent, and Meaning of the said herein before-mentioned Settlements in that Behalf made, that the Surname of *Charteris* be, and the same is hereby confirmed to the said *Francis Charteris*, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, from and immediately after the Time of the Decease of the said late *Francis Charteris*; and that he the said *Francis Charteris*, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, and all and every the Child and Children, and the Heirs of his Body begotten and to be begotten, do and shall from time to time and at all Times hereafter assume, use, sign, continue, and retain the Surname of *Charteris*, and not the Surname of *Wemyss*, and bear the Arms of the Family of *Charteris*; and also that they the said *James Wemyss*, Sir *James Stewart* and Lady *Frances* his Wife, *Hugh Dalrymple* and Lady *Helen* his Wife, and the several Children and Heirs of the respective Bodies of the said

James Wemyss, Lady Frances Stewart, and Lady Helen Dalrymple, begotten and to be begotten, and the several Husbands of such of the Heirs Female as shall be intitled under the Limitations aforesaid, do and shall, from and after such Time as they shall respectively be in Possession or intitled to the Rents and Profits of the Premises comprized or intended to be comprized in the said Two before-mentioned Settlements, or either of them, or any Part thereof, by virtue of any of the Limitations therein contained, assume, use, sign, and continue the Surname of *Charteris*, and not any other Surname whatsoever, and bear the Arms of the Family of *Charteris*.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said *Francis Charteris*, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, and the Heirs of his Body, and the said several other Persons herein before-mentioned in this Behalf, and the Heirs of their respective Bodies, so assuming, using, signing, and retaining the Surname of *Charteris*, and bearing the Arms of the Family of *Charteris* as aforesaid, shall be adjudged, deemed, and taken, and he and they is and are hereby declared in that Case to be and continue the Representative and Representatives, Supporter and Supporters of the Name and Family of the said late *Francis Charteris*, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Settlements so made by him as aforesaid; and shall and may in such Case have, hold, take, and enjoy all and singular the Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments conveyed and settled, or intended to be conveyed and settled by the said Deeds so executed by him, or purchased with the Residue of his personal Estate in pursuance of his said Will as aforesaid, according to their respective Estates, Rights, and Interests in and to the same by virtue of all or any of the Limitations in the same Settlements or Will contained, without incurring or being liable to any Forfeiture, Irritancy, or Prejudice whatsoever in respect of the said herein before-mentioned Proviso contained in the said Deed of the Nineteenth of *June* One thousand Seven hundred and Twenty-nine, notwithstanding the Descent or Devolutions to or upon him, them, or any of them of the Honour and Title of the noble Family of *Wemyss*, or any other Honour or Title whatsoever; the said Two last-mentioned Deeds of Settlement, and the said Will, or any of them, or any Article, Proviso, Clause, Matter, or Thing in them or any of them contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Provided always, and it is hereby further Enacted and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the Title or Earldom of *Wemyss*, or any other Title of Honour or Dignity whatsoever,

soever, shall at any Time or Times hereafter descend to or devolve upon the said *Francis Charteris*, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, or any of the Heirs of his Body, or any of the other Persons or Person aforesaid, or the Heirs of the Body or Bodies of them or any of them, he, she, or they shall and may, in such Case, sign or subscribe any Deeds, Instruments, Writings, Letters, or other Papers by his, her, or their Title of Honour or Dignity, in Conjunction with the said Surname of *Charteris*; but so nevertheless as the said Surname of *Charteris* shall be signed or subscribed first, and have the Precedence, without incurring or being liable to any Forfeiture of or Prejudice to his, her, or their respective Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests, under or by virtue of the said Settlements or Will, or any of them, or any Article, Proviso, Clause, Matter, or Thing therein respectively contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby also Enacted and Declared, That the Alteration or Change of the said several Surnames of *Wemyss*, *Stewart*, and *Dalrymple*, or any of them, or of any other Surname to be altered in pursuance of this Act, for the Surname of *Charteris*, shall not in any-wise destroy, prevent, or prejudice the Descent of any Honours, Titles, Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which they the said *Francis Charteris*, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, *James Wemyss*, Sir *James Stewart* and Lady *Frances* his Wife, *Hugh Dalrymple* and Lady *Helen* his Wife, or any of them, or any Heir or Heirs of the respective Body or Bodies of them, or any of them, are, is, or shall or may be intitled to or destroy, prevent or prejudice any Right or Title to him, them, or any of them accrued or to accrue to any Estate, real or personal, by any Purchase, Limitation, Devise, Gift, or Bequest whatsoever; but that he, they, and every of them shall and may have, take, and enjoy all such Benefit and Advantage by any such Descent, Purchase, Limitation, Gift, or Devise, as they or any of them might have done if this Act had not been made; any Thing herein contained, or any other Matter or Thing to the contrary thereof in any-wise notwithstanding.

Enable *Francis Charteris*, Esquire, heretofore called *Francis Wemyss*, and the Heirs of his Body, and several other Persons therein named, and the Heirs of their respective Bodies, to retain, assume, and sign the Name of *Charteris*, and to bear the Arms of *Charteris*, and to hold and enjoy the Estate therein mentioned, notwithstanding the Descent to him or them respectively of the Honour and Title of *Wemyss*, or any other Honour or Title whatsoever.

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